

## **MINUTES**

### **WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

#### **WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL**

The November meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

1. The meeting began with the discussion of the 2014/2015 West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee Assignments. Committees have been formed to update the Master Bike Plan for the Town of West Hartford, suggest and update bike routes and bike lanes, assist in the development of a Complete Streets Ordinance, assist in the updating of Connecticut General Statute Section 14-286b, implementing a free bike share program, exploring putting North Main Street between West Hartford Center and Bishop's Corner on a road diet and planning at least one big town wide ride. If you are receiving these minutes and would like to serve on one of these committees, please let me know.
2. Three students from Trinity College then reported on the status of the bike share project. The students are taking a sustainability class with Professor Johannes Evelein and are getting credit for this course. They presented a power point and answered questions from the group.
3. Sandy Fry and Mary Ellen Thibodeau reported on the CRCOG North Main Street Road Diet Feasibility Study. They reported that the study will most likely not start until mid 2015.
4. Mary Ellen and Sandy then discussed the new DOT Complete Streets Policy and how it would effect the Town of West Hartford.
5. Scott Franklin presented letters to the editor written by Trine Brune, a West Hartford high school student and by three Trinity College students.
6. Kevin Vicha reported on the town walkways and paved connections. Kevin and his committee have put together a very detailed report which they will be giving to Duane Martin, the West Hartford Town Engineer. The goal of the committee is to identify the walkways and paved connectors which need to be repaired so that the Town can schedule the work.
7. Mary Collins reported that she will be chairing the Thanksgiving Morning ride. The ride will start and end at Marshalls in Bishop's Corner. More details will be forthcoming.
8. Daniel Johnson volunteered to serve as the new website czar for the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee and will be taking over his duties shortly.
9. Steve DePaoli reported on the Park Road Parade which was held on October 18, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Steve reported that approximately 20 to 25 people participated on behalf of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee.

10. Ed Pawlak presented a report on vehicle count data for Park Road, The Boulevard and Farmington Avenue. The collection of data will continue through Thanksgiving and will be summarized and discussed at the December meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee.

11. Jeff Ferraro reported on the Cranksgiving event which will be held on November 22, 2014 at Trinity College. Jeff has participated in this event before and recommends it highly.

12. Mary Ellen reported that the November 24, 2014 annual meeting of Bike Walk Connecticut is sold out. The West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee has purchased 2 tables, both of which are full.

13. Jill Morawski gave a report on the West Hartford Complete Streets Policy and the meeting which was held with Mark McGovern, Duane Martin and Greg Sommer.

14. Duane Martin reported on the capital improvement plan. Scott mentioned that the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee has sent a wish list to Duane.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Room 314 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair

West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee